

Connect groups is a key aspect of our church community. They help us to:

- Build relationship
- Grow in God's Word
- Assimilate to the local church

Our connect groups meet at church every Wednesday from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM and we have several groups to choose from:

LIVE THE LIFE GOD INTENDED (English, Adults) *CURRENTLY OPEN*



Sometimes when we read about the people in the Bible, their lives feel incredibly distant. *What could they have to teach us?*

But that's not the case when we read 1 and 2 Chronicles. Though they lived 400 years before Jesus, their worries, doubts, and struggles are all too similar to ours. After returning from a 70-year exile, they felt small, insignificant, and forgotten. And they wondered if they'd messed things up permanently with God. More than anything, they wondered what their new lives should look like going forward: *If we are God's people, what should our lives look like?*

That's a question we still ask today. This 6-session study explores 1 and 2 Chronicles for clues on how God's people are supposed to live. What we discover is that God intends a rich, abundant life for us—one filled with love, community, grace, compassion, mission, and closeness to God. And the good news is that it's not as far off as we might think.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- **Remember Who You Are**
We must remember who we are and that we belong to a diverse family of faith.
- **We Are to Fight for What's Right**
Fight for the right things, in the right way, and with the right motive.
- **Starting Well Isn't Enough**
It doesn't matter how you start if you give up in the end.
- **Your Whole Life Matters to God**
All of life is an act of worship and an opportunity to serve and please God.
- **Loving God Means Loving Others**
True worship leads to acts of justice, compassion, and mercy.
- **Finding God in Our Desperate Places**
We experience God's strength in our weakness.

CAN I TRUST GOD WITH MY HEALTH? (English, Adults) CURRENTLY OPEN



Illness and stress can cause a host of emotional, spiritual, and physical problems. We can all identify with the plight of Job at some time in our lives, whether it is poor health, family problems, a career failure, or some other personal struggle. These valleys have a way of challenging our faith in God's provision and guiding hand.

This five-session course will challenge you to address a variety of questions about health: How does God use pain and suffering in the lives of his children? How do we deal with the stresses of life without letting them negatively affect our health? Is it biblical to define prosperity as physical health, material wealth, or earthly success? What can the church do to answer these questions and help those in poor health?

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- **Living Without Health and Wealth**
Thinking through the theology of health and wealth.
- **Living with Stress**
How can we channel stress to work for God's glory and our good?

- **Living with Transparency**
How would it affect our spiritual, physical, and emotional life if Christians were honest, transparent, and authentic about their trials?
 - **Living with a Good Night's Sleep**
What is sleep deprivation doing to our health?
 - **Living with God When It Hurts**
Learning from Job
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EL REINO DE DIOS (español, adultos)

ACTUALMENTE ABIERTO



Esta serie de lecciones ha sido preparada para que cada participante de los grupos pequeños disfrute de temas variados, a través de un lenguaje relacional. El contenido de este material propone ayudardale a crecer en tres áreas esenciales de la vida de un discípulo: comunión, relación y misión.

Nuestro deseo es que este material contribuya para una vida alegre con Cristo, promoviendo profundas reflexiones y también los cambios necesarios para el verdadero discipulado.

TÓPICOS INCLUYEN:

- La gran pesca
- Haciendo cuentas
- Una situación olvidada
- Primero los últimos y después los primeros
- No quiero – si voy Señor
- El hijo menor
- El hijo mayor
- Ovejas y cabritos

GOD & CULTURE (English, College-aged Adults) *CURRENTLY OPEN*



This 13-session course on God and culture covers such topics as how to be counterculturally relevant, how to have righteous anger, the value of human life and faithfulness. Most of all it will help us learn how to live for Christ in today's culture.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- **The Kingdom and Our Culture**
How can Christians live for eternity without ignoring the present?
 - **Justice for All, One at a Time**
Won't you be a neighbor?
 - **Tilting at the Windmills of Culture**
Can we realistically fight against culture?
 - **Living in a Culture of Sexual Immorality**
Our response can invite or dissuade others to redemption.
 - **Counterculturally Relevant**
A new way of thinking about how Christians can influence culture.
 - **Answer the Skeptics**
Do you have an answer for the misconceptions about Christianity?
 - **The Church's Highest Calling: Faithfulness**
When being countercultural is our goal, we may be nearer to colluding with culture than changing it.
 - **Dual Citizenship**
How can we labor for God's kingdom during our time here on earth?
 - **Pulling Weeds in the Church Yard**
Is the church honestly a "counterculture for the common good"?
 - **Christians and Politics**
How much hope should Christians place in political solutions to our problems?
 - **The Righteous Side of Anger**
Sometimes we need to be good and mad.
 - **The Value of Human Life**
What is human life really worth?
 - **Feeding on Lies**
What is behind our battle with weight?
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MY LIFE IS A ROLLERCOASTER (Teens, ages 13-17) *CURRENTLY OPEN*



Every Wednesday evening this group gathers to do life together, share their stories, and make lasting connections.

Life is often a rollercoaster of emotions and what better place to ride than with other teens who share and go through the same fears, ups and downs of life. This group will explore what God has to say regarding teens and how faith and a relationship with God can often times be the key to great discoveries of self!

Topics Include:

- Identity
- Doubt
- God's love
- Depression
- Happiness
- Unity

COMMUNICATION IN MARRIAGE (Married Adult Couples) *CURRENTLY CLOSED*



Communication problems are as old as Adam and Eve. In this 6-session Bible study, we will explore what the Bible has to say about the obstacles and solutions to communication, how to communicate love to our spouses, how to avoid miscommunication, how to stop hurtful words, the importance of compromise, and finally how grace toward one another is the key to getting along.

Overcome Obstacles to Communication

How to talk to your spouse.

Explore how taking a biblical approach to communicating with your spouse can greatly enhance intimacy in the marriage.

Communicate Love to Your Spouse

How do we communicate love in ways that are recognized and appreciated?

The results of successfully communicating our love are tender intimacy and a stronger marriage bond.

Avoid Miscommunication

How can we avoid the miscommunication traps that are so destructive in marriage?

How are we to live out our marriage vows in the midst of flawed communication efforts?

Hurtful Words Start Inside

Where do hurtful words start, and how can they be stopped?

Husbands and wives are challenged to examine their self-talk and then work, with God's help, to clean it up.

The Importance of Compromise

How do communication and self-sacrifice aid in compromise?

Seeking to know our spouse's preferences and being willing to change in accord with those preferences, directs a marriage toward mutual compromise and greater intimacy.

Grace Connects Men and Women

How can grace transform marriage in the information age?

The solution to different communication modes is supernatural assistance from the one who created men, women, and the marriage bond between them.



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